

Serial No. 09/675,232
Response to Office Action Mailed October 28, 2004

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REMARKS

Claims 13-35 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled without disclaimer of the claimed subject matter.

Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant electronically filed one Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) on August 30, 2004 consisting of one page of prior art U.S. Patents. Applicant respectfully requests an initialed copy of the electronically submitted IDS. A copy of the electronically submitted IDS is attached as Attachment A to this paper. Also in Attachment A is a print-out of the confirmation of successful submittal of the IDS filed electronically on August 30, 2004.

Currently Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has submitted herewith an Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with the duty of disclosure. Applicant respectfully requests that the cited reference be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-12 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101 as being protocol structure *per se*. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-12 and this rejection is now moot.

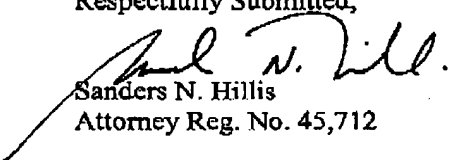
Allowed Claims

Claims 13-35 were indicated as allowed in the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Attachments: Attachment A (5 pages)

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